

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship	8:45 AM	11:15 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM	
Saturday Worship	5:30 PM	

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24th



2:30 PM
4:15 PM
6:00 PM
7:45 PM

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"The Glorious Impossible"

Saturday	December 12 th	5:30 PM
Sunday	December 13 th	8:45 and 11:15 AM

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

"And now brothers & sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches....that gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability." 2 Corinthians 8:1 & 2

On Our 2010 Planning and What "First-Fruits" Means...

Often people think that "first-fruits" means tithing; the giving of the first 10 percent of our income or "harvest." But more broadly speaking, "first-fruits" giving is simply when we give the "first" of our "fruits" of our labors which could be any percentage--perhaps the first 2% or 5% or 10% or more of our income. Cindy and I give well over 10% for our "first-fruits," but not all of our "first-fruits" goes to the church; we are supporting five Compassion International kids, our colleges, etc. In other words: "first-fruits" giving is the opposite of "left-over" giving, where our ministry support is the "leftovers" of what God has given to us. "First-fruits" giving is when we put "first things first." As you know, that takes faith. I have often said, "Stewardship isn't multiple-choice where we give our time OR our talents OR our treasure." *"If stewardship were "multiple-choice," then surely Jesus would have told the poor widow to keep her money and just sweep the temple."* But instead, he lifts up her generosity as a model for his disciples and we trust that God was faithful in providing for her needs.

How did we get to 20% "first-fruits" as a congregation? We GREW it there **one percent at a time!** I remember very clearly that first council meeting many years ago when the "first-fruits" proposal first came up. *"We can't do that--we need to make sure our own needs are met first!!!!"* Let me tell you, there was MUCH fear and trepidation! But guess what, we took the leap of faith and indeed our "cup of blessings runneth over" as a congregation so that our outreach budget is now larger than the entire budget of many ELCA congregations.

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We hope you can attend our annual **Budget Hearing** that will be held at **12:15 PM on Sunday, December 6th**. As always, we value your input. Final approval for the 2010 budget will be made at our **Annual Meeting at 12:20 PM on Sunday, January 10th**. We would love to have you attend these meetings and give us your feedback regarding our ministry plans.

On Serving 21 Years Here...

It is hard to believe, but January 1st I will have served 21 years here at Faith. Time flies when you're having fun! Our weekend attendance has grown over five-fold from the 90 or so of us who worshipped in 1989 in the old sanctuary. Staff has grown from just me to 14 of us now – five of whom are full time. In the early days I remember running bulletin notes over to Sally Beckner's house where she would type them up and run them downtown to Daily Office Supply for printing! Thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the encouragement and grace throughout these years—I have learned a lot! Truly you have demonstrated what it means to be the "Body of Christ."

On Our Attendance This Fall...

We have so much to be thankful for once again. I am sure you have noticed how packed we have often been on Sunday mornings. Who would have thought when we moved into our new sanctuary in March of 2003 that we would be **crowded again** so soon? Studies indicate that once a worship space becomes more than 80% full, it discourages attendance and hence, our effort to tweak our worship schedule this fall. As you know, the new early service at 7:45 AM did not catch on, but the good news is that we now have a more even distribution of attendance than last year with the two main services, (especially when the choir sings at the late service), so that helps with traffic flow both inside and outside. But if you are "on the fence," guess what? The 11:15 AM service generally tends to be less packed now!

On Our Building Expansion and Some "Seed" Ideas...

As we approach the end our 4th year with the expansion of our education wing, I continue to give thanks for the new ministry opportunities it has afforded us with our award-winning library and reading room; our increasingly busy youth room full of youth, our "Sisters in Christ" Bible study on Wednesdays, our Prayer Shawl Ministry, our growing confirmation classes, our new Jump for Joy choir on Wednesday nights, Boy Scouts on Tuesdays, Girl Scouts on Thursdays, etc. Who knows, maybe we will even have some sort of **preschool** someday. Lord knows, we have plenty of kids in this church who probably go to preschool various places...perhaps we can help serve in that way.

Meanwhile, as you know, we have kind of neglected our **Fellowship Hall**. It is a joy for me to see it used three times a week for the ministry of the Centro Cristiano Church, but quite frankly, it is often empty and it could use somewhat of a "face-lift." For our upcoming **30th anniversary in 2010**, how about if we dress up the north end of our fellowship hall "Starbuck's style" to "lure" more folks for fellowship in there on Sunday mornings, and to perhaps "decongest" the narthex somewhat? If we fixed it up a bit and made it more of an attractive space, perhaps it would become a more popular space for meetings, gatherings, and receptions!

On Our Lutheran Identity...

As I said earlier this fall, although many of us may be disappointed with the August ELCA vote which seems to be out of step with Jesus' vision of marriage as expressed in Mark 10:6-9, I pray that FCLC might stay focused on making disciples here. Sadly, many congregations are being torn apart right now as various sides are over eager to "have their way." As we know, church denominations will come and go, but we confess that "we believe in the holy catholic church," which transcends any earthly denominations. Indeed, many of us believe that we are moving into a "post-denominational" age where congregations might either be fairly "independent" from denominational associations, and/or they may have multiple associations within this "holy catholic" church.

Having said that, you may have noticed that our bulletin cover now references our informal support of Lutheran CORE and Word Alone. If you would like to learn more, please visit www.lutherancore.org or www.wordalone.org I think you will see that these organizations are doing good work upholding traditional Christian values in general and traditional Lutheran values in particular. It may take several years to see what develops with Lutheran CORE, but in the meantime, I am confident that if we are prayerful and patient in waiting on the Lord, and if can avoid getting embroiled in denominational politics; then I believe the Lord will direct us and our ministry will continue to thrive and grow.

On Our FOUR Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services...

Because all three services have been packed the past couple of years, we are adding a fourth Candlelight Communion Service this year, so we will be celebrating the birth of the Christ-child at **2:30 PM, 4:15 PM, 6:00 PM and 7:45 PM**. It is hard to believe that this will be our 7th Christmas in our new sanctuary! We are hopeful for another fairly even distribution of worship attendance, but my guess is that the earlier services will be the most crowded. Christmas is a great time for evangelism/outreach; please invite your friends and neighbors. We are looking forward to the joy of worshipping the Christ-child once again!

*Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



Nanette Goings
Director of Christian Education
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YOU'RE INVITED...

To The Sunday School Open House!

Sunday, December 13th, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Preschool through 5th graders, remember to bring Mom or Dad with you to Sunday School on December 13th! Hear the Christmas story together, experience that first Christmas by making a project with Mom or Dad; sing some Christmas carols. Challenge card awards will be presented to those kids who have met the challenge! Bible Bucks store will also be open.



BLOOD DRIVE

December 27th

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Fellowship Hall

It may be someone you know (a family member, a friend), or a stranger, but your blood donation will save the lives of up to three people. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact: Mary Konicek at MaryLarryKids@aol.com.



Thank you, FCLC, for donating **120 shoeboxes** to this outreach project! You will touch many children!

Christian Education Dates to Remember

Check the online calendar link at www.fclc.org for up-to-date information and weekly Bible study opportunities!

December 12	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Sunday School Workshop Leaders' Training
December 13	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<i>Sunday School Open House (Preschool-5th grades)</i>
December 20		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 23		NO CONFIRMATION
December 27		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 27	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Bonfils Blood Drive
December 28	7:00 AM - 8:30 PM	Weavers of the Cloth Post-Christmas Party
December 30		NO CONFIRMATION
January 3		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 6		NO CONFIRMATION
January 10	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Sunday School resumes
January 13	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Confirmation resumes
January 31	Lenten Devotions Due!	

Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 7th - 11th, 2010. We will be the field-test site for Group Publishing's 2011 VBS!

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Meat & Potatoes Family Devotions



Are you interested in being a *Meat & Potatoes Family*? Join with other families who participated in October and November, or try *Meat & Potatoes Family Devotions* for the first time! As a family, begin 2010 by committing to participate for 8 weeks, 20-minutes-a-week at home. These lively and interactive Bible Basics family devotions are provided each week for you to take home and do when convenient for your family. Families with children ages three and up, please contact Nanette at nanette@fclc.org by December 27th to sign up. New curriculum begins the week of January 10th.

Interested in Starting 2010 by Joining an Evening Bible Study?

Once a week? Twice a month? Once a month? Contact Nanette at nanette@fclc.org with your interest. She has plans—just needs people!

Mission Possible: Lenten Devotional

It's only December, but now is the time to volunteer to write a devotion! We need writers for the 46 devotions to be included in FCLC's own Lenten Devotional. The deadline for completed devotions will be January 31st, 2010. As in the past, scripture passages and writing guidelines are provided. Please contact Nanette at nanette@fclc.org if you are interested in helping out.

WORSHIP AND DRAMA



Diane Sell
Director of Worship Teams & Drama
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Lil Leap of Faith (2-5th grades) and Jump for Joy (Pre K - 1st grades)

Will be combining their talents and working on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th on a Christmas program to be delivered Christmas Eve at the 2:30 PM service! We will gather in the large room downstairs (room 126) beginning at 6:00 PM.

CDs are available for the children to learn the three songs that they will be sharing with the congregation! Any questions, please feel free to contact Diane Sell or Dawn Baas.

Leap of Faith Worship Team

LOF will be leading worship on December 5th - 6th and will also lead the 2:30 PM service on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will begin again in the New Year...as follows:

LOF band only:

January 14th, 21st, and 28th 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOF vocal rehearsal:

January 24th and 31st at 6:30 PM

Please mark these dates on your calendar now-!!!

Christmas Worship Team Rehearsal...

for all teams leading worship on Christmas Eve will be held on December 20th at 6 PM!

The Following Teams Will Lead Christmas Eve Services:

2:30 PM	Leap of Faith
4:15 PM	Week 2 Team
6:00 PM	Week 3 team
7:15 PM	Week 4 team

Worship team email will go out to all involved persons with these services to clarify "who is on" and when! Any questions, please contact Diane Sell!



Decorating the Church for Christmas

Come join the fun of decorating the church (in and out), and the Holiday Parade Float! This will be a great time of fellowship, complete with hot cocoa, cookies and maybe even a carol sing???

Contact Dawn at Dawn@fcl.org or Tanja at Tanja@fcl.org for details, and let us know you'll "be there with bells on!"

Adult Dinner Theater

"Liberty Al Fresco" has been postponed for now. Please keep a watch in this newsletter for upcoming details on this!

P.A.C. (Performing Arts Camp)

August 1st - 8th, 2010

Our team of adults will begin plans for this coming year's P.A.C. starting in January! Put these dates on your calendar now. P.A.C. is open for all youth finishing the 3rd grade through graduating Seniors in 2010! Look for more details to come in the months ahead!

January will bring new music and new drama opportunities for our Worship and Drama groups!
Please keep your eyes open for more information!

KIDS HOPE USA



LaRae Schaff
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Our Kids Hope program is "up and running" to say the least!! In the few weeks that we have been mentoring at Sanborn Elementary, we have already seen God at work in amazing ways. The kids are eager to meet with their mentors and many other kids at the school are asking how they can get a Kids Hope mentor too! (The free t-shirts are a big draw!)

Mother Teresa once said, "There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread." Many of our children are in need of love and appreciation and our wonderful mentors are now giving it to them each week! I have no doubt that this will make a difference for them as they grow in years.

Please continue to pray for us as we try to show these children God's love and appreciation for them. They are such precious little gifts, but many of them just don't know it yet!

STEWARDSHIP



Susan Moller
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Consecration Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th, was Consecration Weekend at FCLC. Pastor Bruce delivered a wonderful message entitled, "First Things Last." If you missed it, you can listen to it by downloading the podcast from our website.

Thank you to everyone that handed in an *Estimate of Giving* card. This helps us in preparing the 2010 budget. If you have not yet handed in an *Estimate of Giving* card and would still like to, you still can! There are blank *Estimate of Giving* cards available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. After it is completed, you can deposit it in the box beside the blank cards, mail it or bring it to the office. We will be giving a report on the results at the annual budget hearing on December 6th.

Endowment Fund Requests

If you would like to request funds from the Endowment Fund for 2010, there are forms available in the church office. They are due by **December 31, 2009**. The committee will meet in January to determine fund distribution for 2010.

Annual Budget Hearing

Our 2010 Annual Budget Hearing will be Sunday, **December 6th** at 12:15 PM in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity for you to see the proposed 2010 budget and give us your input before we vote on it at our annual meeting in January. Hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars to attend the FCLC Annual Meeting on **January 10th**, 2010 at 12:20 PM in the sanctuary. The annual report will be distributed. We will vote on the 2010 budget as well as candidates for open council positions. You will also have an opportunity to give comments and suggestions. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

Stock/Mutual Fund Donations

If you would like to donate stock or mutual funds to the church, please contact Susan Moller (303-776-8771 or sue@fcl.org) for information on the procedure for the transfer. If you already know the procedure, please be sure to let us know when you are making a donation as well as the amount. Thank you!

"Simply Giving" families

If you are changing your giving amount for 2010, you need to fill out a change form that can be found at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

The following highlights / action items are from the November Council Meeting, November 10th, 2009:

- † The "new" website will be launched on the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Please send all your webpage "revisions" to Kirk Olson at kirkolson@comcast.net as soon as possible but no later than November 30th for incorporation into the "new" site.
- † The Long Range Planning Committee was asked to present an interim report to the Council at the December meeting and include information in the Annual Report
- † There is a concern that food and drink are making their way into the Sanctuary. There needs to be: a VPU announcement prior to and after each service; signs prominently displayed on the tables prior to entering the sanctuary; and a notice in the bulletin to remind people that food and drink are not to be brought into the sanctuary.
- † Outreach mentioned that the Holiday Float will be a joint project with Centro Cristiano! An organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 PM to discuss themes and how to proceed.
- † Property announced that there will be a "Fall Clean-up Day" on November 21st between 8:30 AM and noon. Everyone is invited to "sign-up."
- † Property presented the new code for arming / disarming the alarm system. With the cooperation of the Office, they will develop and distribute a "quick reference cheat sheet" on how to activate / deactivate the alarm system.
- † Stewardship mentioned that this coming weekend (November 14, 15) is Consecration Weekend with Pastor Bruce delivering the sermon. Ed and Susan will contact him to assure everyone is aware of the process for handing out the cards, filling them out, and placing them on the altar.

ANNUAL MEETING COUNCIL CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

The Nominating Committee has selected the following individuals for election to the stated positions:

Curt Schroeder - Candidate for Property Chair

I was baptized by my grandfather, an ALC Lutheran Minister with over 50 years in ministry. I moved around in my early years, but landed in Loveland, where I was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, and attended SkyRanch Youth Camp in the 1970s. After getting a degree from CSU, I spent 7 years working on rockets in Arizona (even went to Poker Flat, Alaska for a launch). Returned to Colorado in 1990 where I have worked at Ball Aerospace since.

My wife, Debbie, and I have been married 26 years and have two sons, Christopher (22) and Drew (18). Being near empty nesters, Deb and I are rediscovering our lives without kids. My interests include running, hiking, 14ers, and restoring my old high school car.

God has given me talents that have led me into operational roles at work, which fit well with the topics and scope of the Property Committee. I am excited at the opportunity to serve the FCLC family.

Greg Harms - Candidate for Youth Chair

I am really excited to be a new member of our youth ministry team. I would like to help continue the positive direction our youth program is moving. We need to provide a safe place for our youth to share their faith and have fellowship together. There's an amazing amount of talent among our youth and I would like to help Brit and the Council to find ways to use that talent to serve Christ. My experience with youth ministry started back in the mid 80s as Youth Director/Study Leader at Messiah Lutheran for two years. After Patty and I had our sons Aaron and Graham, my work with youth continued with coaching soccer and basketball teams for numerous years. My most recent youth experience was Workcamp 2008. That experience with our youth and adults here at FCLC made this an easy decision to accept my position here at Faith.

Gloria Borchert - Candidate for Pastoral Care Chair

I was born in New York City and grew up in a suburb about 30 miles north of the city on the west side of the Hudson River. I grew up in a wonderful Irish Catholic family and I am "Daughter #2" in a family of six girls. I moved to Colorado in 1978 and have lived in Longmont for all but two of the last 31 years. I began working at Condé Nast Publications Inc. in 1980 and worked there until March, 2009 when my position was eliminated due to the economy. My job now is...looking for a job.

I met my husband, Gary, in Longmont in 1982 and we married in 1983. We have two daughters, Erin and Katy. Erin is married to Kevin Bachman (whom she met at Faith Community Lutheran) and lives in Milliken. Katy lives at home with us.

Prior to joining Faith Community Lutheran in 2007, I was a member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Loveland for 18 years. At varying times, I served as chairperson on the boards of education, youth and evangelism. I also served on the board of fellowship and taught Sunday school for seven years. I have been a Reach to Recovery volunteer with the American Cancer Society for 16 years and also served as a volunteer trainer. In 2006, I was honored to be chosen as a "Celebration Ambassador" and traveled to Washington, DC to meet with members of Congress and encourage their support of continued funding for cancer research. I currently serve as Assistant Lay Director for Colorado Via de Cristo. In 2008, I was commissioned as a Stephen Minister here at Faith Community Lutheran Church.

I am honored and humbled to be asked to serve on council representing Pastoral Care, and I ask for your prayers for God's guidance to serve Him and our Faith community faithfully.

Reminder: Our Annual Meeting is scheduled after the 11:15 AM service, January 10th, 2010. Please plan to join us!

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Servant Position		Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 8:45 AM	Sunday 11:15 AM
Greeters		Mike and Lisa Smith	Peggy McDonald Linda Kepler	Ewald and Kathe Schelert
Head Ushers		Mike and Lisa Smith	Paul and Natalie James	Gordy Wallace
Ushers		Mike and Lisa Smith	The Krantz Men	Jeff Bladt and Mark Flowers
Lector		Lisa Smith	Diane Broestl	Jody McClurkin
Communion Preparation		Mike and Lisa Smith	Ed and Ethel Owens (weeks 1 and 3) Harvey and Marilyn Jackson (weeks 2 and 4)	
Communion Assistants		Mike and Lisa Smith	Joel and Joan Schell Marvin and Joyce Heimbichner	John and Nancy Benson
Communion Clean-Up				Debbie Austin
VPU	Dec 5-6 Dec 12-13 Dec 19-20 Dec 26-27	Stacia Keller Steve Hansen Steve Hansen Stacia Keller	Jason Irvin Rhea Hoops Marcie Mason Gabe Vigil	Sarek Lee Rhea Hoops Marcie Mason Gabe Vigil
Sound	Dec 5-6 Dec 12-13 Dec 19-20 Dec 26-27	Mike Rosenstein Lee Quaintance Lee Quaintance Steve Hansen	Mike Rosenstein Dave Sell Jan Baas Doug Inskeep	Mike Rosenstein Dave Sell Jan Baas Doug Inskeep
Acolyte	Dec 5-6 Dec 12-13 Dec 19-20 Dec 26-27		Lincoln Ell Katrin Sharpe Jake Kotula	Camilla Lee Montana Lewis Diana Austin Camilla Lee
Children's Church Assistant	Dec 5-6 Dec 12-13 Dec 19-20 Dec 26-27			Mary Konicek David K and Zach Vece Kathe Schelert Elisabeth Phelan Jill WooChing Ben WooChing Ann Hovick Shauna Bladt
Nursery	Dec 5-6		Pam and Anna Knipscheer	Rose Datte
Please note that the nursery is open during the Christian Education Hour	Dec 12-13		Laura and Dan Meyers	Stacie and Scott Francis
	Dec 19-20		Heather and Ben Gomez	
	Dec 26-27		Diana Emerson	Donna Smith
Office Volunteer	Dec 5-6		Stacia Keller	
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Dec 12-13		Janelle Olson	
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Dec 19-20		Veta Hartman	
	Dec 26-27		Joan Flowers	

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVANTS



If you would like to serve Christmas Eve, we have open servant positions available for:

Greeting
Ushering
Communion Assistant
Office Volunteer

Please contact Janelle Olson at Janelle@fcllc.org or 303-776-8771.

If you want to volunteer for the nursery, please contact Natalie Boggess at nboggess01@hotmail.com or 303-823-8683.

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December 1
Shauna Bladt
Charles Herring

December 2
Curt Musfeldt
Aaron Praska

December 3
Matt Cirbo
Judy Conradson
Ben Gomez
Steve Hansen
Tom Hansen
Tony Hassa
Greg Vaughn

December 5
John Buck
Rex Carnes
George Lawrence
Shannon Stewart
Sylvia Uecker

December 6
Eve Edwards
Jeffrey Bonds
Dee Lien

December 7
Kara Kovets
Katlin Kovets

December 8
David Enders
Pam Lind

December 9
Judy Heller
Doug Inskeep
Sue McCormick
Anita Willson
Lucille Mullen

December 10
Brian Greene
Donna Wormke

December 11
Jeff Bladt
Travis Hunting

December 12
Dave Rogers

December 13
Greg Harms
William McClurkin
Gena Steele

December 14
Diane Elwood
Scott Francis

December 15
Dianna Buckett
Joyce Heimbichner
Sharon Kaiser

December 16
Marcus Cardenas
Ron Parsons
Breanna Unger

December 17
Sandor Demosthenes
Thomas Kankiewicz
Marci Rothe
David Emerson

December 18
Paula Moore

December 19
Patty Harms

December 20
Brad Davis

December 21
Chris Smith
Carole Freeman

December 23
Jason Burch

December 24
Veta Hartman
Horst Hennig

December 26
Deb Bonner
Valerie Jones
Leonard Rozek
Hilary Smallwood
Martha Van Gent

December 27
Kim Edwards-Probst
Becca Mau

December 28
Mary Madeline Barcewski
Larry Cirbo
Matthew Datte
Brody Rothe
Todd Williams

December 29
Cork Billings
Curt Lewis
Corinne Wetzel

December 30
Joan Schell

December 31
Colton Vece

January 1
Roman Krafczyk
Lisa Smith
Bradley Steele

January 2
Tanja Nelson

January 3
Roger Rankin
Gordon Wallace

January 4
Nicholas Boggess
Chuck Carlson
Pat Sharp

January 5
Andrew Mason

January 6
Bob Alm

January 7
Ryan Carson
Ryell Hubert
Karla Irvin
Jeff Stamp

January 8
Matthew Smith

January 9
Diana Austin
Jake Bonner
Trevor Bonner
Phyllis Holst
Jill Mau
Kylee Mendez

January 10
Michael Chaney
Colin Courtney

January 11
Tanner Brunkow
Jason Irvin
Nathan Schemmel
Madelyn Thoman

January 13
Imelda Goderstad

January 14
Rose Datte
Angie McDermid
Miguel Mendez
Tom Probst

January 15
Travis Parsons
Elizabeth Simpson

January 16
Mark Johnson

January 17
Shawn Fitzgerald
Kaydene Hubert

January 18
David Brown
Zoe Chase
Ryan Fitzgerald
Graham Harms
Dan Herold
Joan Kallas
Jody McClurkin

January 19
Grace Demmel
Don Lee
Ruth Lerum

January 20
Claire Danos
Makenna Schuman

January 21
Hannah Mertz
Tony Schaff
Kimberly Scruggs

January 22
Kathy Droege
Mike Marshall

January 23
Bob Goings
Joseph Jedrzejewski
Joel Schell

January 25
Denise Parsons
Evelyn Weston

January 26
McKenna Inskeep

January 27
Ronald Hart

January 28
Raegan Courtemanche
Griffin Nelson
Michael Smith

January 30
Nicholas Knutson
Johnny Mercer
Ty Tatham



Wedding Anniversaries December and January

December 3
Jeff and Teresa Stamp - 26 yrs

December 4
Gerry Cole and Sharon Kirby-Cole - 15 yrs

December 10
Rob and Kayla Smith - 32 yrs

December 11
Michael and Lisa Smith - 27 yrs

December 15
Perry and Anita Willson - 36 yrs

December 17
Irving and Almina Ringdahl - 59 yrs

December 18
Harlan and Janelle Olson - 44 yrs

December 22
Marilee and Tom Gruenberger - 41 yrs

December 23
Larry and Debbie Polsdofer - 32 yrs
Dave Mathiesen and Brenda Shelton - 14 yrs

December 27
Jim and Judy Conradson - 34 yrs
Mike and Terri Cogdill - 23 yrs

December 28
Cliff and Trisha Stewart - 13 yrs

December 29
Bob and Claire Danos - 28 yrs

January 1
Mike and Rhea Hoops - 17 yrs
Dan and Peggy Gaither - 5 yrs

January 3
Jerry and Vicki Cool - 52 yrs

January 5
Terry and Laurel Schemmel - 25 yrs
Mike and Nikol Olson - 19 yrs

January 9
Larry and Diane Vinaske - 26 yrs

January 12
Rod and Cassandra Bowman - 3 yrs

January 28
Peter and Debbie Raemer - 4 yrs

OUTREACH NEWS

HOPE Sack Lunches for the Homeless

The 2010 calendar for HOPE Sack Lunches is filling fast, but there are still dates available! FCLC will be providing 30 sack lunches on the 3rd Sunday of each month for 2010. If you are interested in shopping for (your expenses will be reimbursed), and preparing these sack lunches for the homeless right here in Longmont, please contact LaRae Schaff at 303-772-8385 or larae@fclc.org.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

This week we received a phone call from Rev. Anthony Mulbah of Liberia. He received the generous gift from FCLC for the educational work being done in Liberia. All he could say was, "Thank you so much! Thank you so much!" This gift will make a huge difference in the lives of many children and adults in that country which is trying so hard to recover from the 15-year civil war that occurred there.



One part of the gift, \$1000.00, will go for scholarships for the training of evangelists and deacons who serve in the backcountry areas, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to anyone who will hear. They are trained at the Totota Training Center where Rev. Anthony Mulbah now teaches and where he also works in the new library. Each semester costs an evangelist \$40.00 (\$160.00 for two years). These evangelists are not salaried and money is scarce so our scholarship money will be a great help.

Another portion of the money (\$500.00) will go for advanced scholarships in nursing and medical care for needy people. One recipient is a woman whose eye was damaged when working in a rice field.



The final amount, \$5000.00, is for the Marfeleh Sumo Academy in the Village of Gbonyea, Liberia. FCLC is the only support source for this Lutheran Christian school now serving around 365 students. It began as a prayer request from Rev. Mulbah to Todd and Tyger Penson in 2007. The students served are children who lost one or both parents in the Civil War. Four teachers and a principal teach the children in a four-room building that we have built. This new amount will go towards completing that building, providing chairs, tables and supplies, and possibly add another teacher, build more classrooms—whatever they discern as their most pressing needs through 2010. The sand pile in front of above picture is for the casting of the floor.

Thank you for your love and support of this vital ministry. If you have any questions, call the Pensons at 970-232-9545.

Todd and Tyger Penson on behalf of Rev. Anthony Mulbah



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ON THE FCLC LIBRARY SHELVES



'Tis the Season ...

"Read me a story!" time is an ideal time to find some quiet moments, apart from all the TV advertising and toy displays and the giant Santa Claus, to enjoy some moments concentrating on the why of the **Season**. Dozens of Christmas books in FCLC Library present the story of the first Christmas or stories of children who learn some lessons about Jesus and the ways people honor Him at this holiday.

Many books have attractive illustrations created by today's best illustrators who have turned their skills to books for children. While the kids are choosing their books, select a relaxing and heart-warming Christmas story for yourself... or delve into the history of our Christmas customs. Oh, yes, find your own quiet corner during the holiday action for some time with a new devotional or a challenging look at the spiritual side of life in this often unpeaceful, unjoyful world.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY SHELVES:

- + **Celebrate Christmas.** Kimberly Reese...family devotions for Advent through Epiphany.

CHRISTMAS FICTION:

- + **Stray Affections.** Charlene Baumbich...a mysterious snow globe.
- + **The Christmas Promise.** Donna VanLiere
- + **The Christmas Dog.** Melody Carlson
- + **White Picket Fences.** Susan Miessner
- + **An Amish Christmas.** December in Lancaster County: three Amish Christmas novellas.
- + **The Christmas Lamp.** Lori Copeland. Will the Christmas spirit disappear from this tiny town?
- + **The Sound of Sleighbells.** Cindy Woodsmall. Can sleighbells and a woodcarving heal grief?

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS:

- + **The First Christmas Present.** Marilyn Somerer. A very simple lovely story about God's gift.
- + **Saying Grace: A Prayer of Thanksgiving.** Virginia Kroll. A custom begins.
- + **The Perfect Christmas Gift.** Sheila Walsh. Princess Gigi is expecting a crown, not a surprise.
- + **Different Just Like Me.** Lori Mitchell. People are different, but it's okay to like them anyhow!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- + **The Poor Will Be Glad.** Peter Greer. Joining the revolution to lift the world out of poverty.
- + **What's Good About Feeling Bad?** John Thomas. Finding purpose and a path through your pain.
- + **The Gift of Years.** Joan Chittister. Growing older gracefully.
- + **Overworked, Overwhelmed and Underpaid.** Louis Barajas. Simple steps from stress to success.
- + **Let's Walk The Talk!** Danae Dobson. [teens] Girlfriend to girlfriend on faith, friendship, and love.
- + **A Heart For Truth.** Greg Spencer. Taking your faith to college.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

- + **The Inklings of Oxford: C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Their Friends.** Pictorial biography.
- + **The Master Carpenter.** Hugh Poland. Devotions for woodworkers.
- + **Scouting the Divine.** Margaret Feinberg. Her search for God in wine, wool, and wild honey... and in her interviews with shepherdess, bee-keeper, farmer, and vintner.

... And don't forget to browse the DVD and VCR shelves for Christmas selections, new Gigi DVD, and the Star of Bethlehem [a DVD selection unlocking the mystery of the world's most famous star.]



YOUTH AND FAMILY



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Middle School Gathering in Colorado Springs

January 15th - 17th

Cost: \$95 until November 15th (The price will increase to \$115 after that.).

Early Bird registration is now available! Registration closes DECEMBER 5th. This is a great time for our middle school students to worship and be challenged

in their faith along with hundreds of other youth from around the Rocky Mountain Synod. This year's theme is "One Campaign," which addresses the idea of unity for the sake of meeting others needs in poverty. Our youth will not want to miss this event! Get them signed up ASAP. Please email your questions to brit@fcl.org or call the church for more info.



Introducing our new Sky Ranch logo! In the coming months, Sky Ranch will be introducing a new branding campaign. Watch for more details in our January/February Newsletter



Trees filled with
gifting ideas to help
Sky Ranch can be
found in many
congregations this
season. Or, visit our
website at
SkyRanchColorado.org.
*Simply take a gift tag,
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Sky Ranch relies heavily on a seasonal increase in contributions each year around Thanksgiving. These contributions help support the work of the camp now and throughout the year.

Demonstrate Your Thankfulness!

Please consider demonstrating appreciation for your good fortune or good health by making an additional contribution or by committing to a giving plan.

Contact our office
for details.
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www.SkyRanchColorado.org

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(970) 493-5258

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Low Ropes
Food Education

* limited to 12 persons

Full Lodge Rental	\$500 per night
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Full Campground Rental	\$250 per night
Meals	\$25 per person, per day

Program Add-ons (per person):

Day Hikes	\$10 Half Day	\$15 Full Day
Low or High Ropes	\$25 for 4 hours of programming	
Horseback Riding	\$30 for 1 hour trail ride	
Specialist Programs *	\$20 for 2 hour session	

For more information on availability and pricing, please visit our web site or contact our office.

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for Summer Camp 2010
at Sky Ranch

Register On-Line

www.SkyRanchColorado.org



2010 Calendars

Available at church visits, stop by the Sky Ranch office, or call to receive your copy.

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Catch the Spirit!

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The mission Christ gave to all churches is to
"Go make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19



Mission Verse

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Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame,
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

To "Reach Out in Love" as a
church that is:

- ◆ Bible-Centered
- ◆ Prayer-Centered
- ◆ Worship-Centered with
blended styles of music
- ◆ Kid-Friendly
- ◆ Visitor-Friendly
- ◆ A Model of the Priesthood
of Believers
- ◆ A Model of "First Fruits
Giving"

(to various outreach projects)